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Subject.....Deportation of American Buddhist monk from Japan.

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With reference to the attached translation from the "Nippo", I have to state that the following information has been obtained from the local Japanese Consular Police regarding an American Buddhist monk named Lewis A. Colburn, aged 27, who was deported from Japan as an undesirable and who arrived here by the s.s. "Nagasaki Maru" on March 2:-

This person was born in Idaho, U.S.A. in 1909, and, after finishing a commercial school course, he joined the U.S. Navy as a stoker in 1926 and in 1930 he had to leave the service after the expiration of a term of detention, having been charged with assaulting a senior officer. Leaving the Navy, he obtained employment in a factory in his native place, where he remained for about one year, during which time he became interested in Buddhism.

In 1931, he went to San Francisco and became acquainted with a Japanese Buddhist monk named Chizaki Jyogen, who, on learning that he was eager to study Buddhism, gave him a letter of introduction to the Rev. Maruyama, the chief abbot of the Daitokuji sect of Japanese Buddhism in Kyoto, Japan.

Colburn, having obtained a letter of introduction to one of the most prominent Japanese Buddhists, went to Japan by the s.s. "Taiyo Maru" on February 8, 1931, accompanied by a friend named F. M. Ormsby. On arrival, he went to Kyoto and entered the Daitokuji Temple to study Buddhism. Whilst there, he had sexual relations with a Japanese lady, Fusao Shibuya, who, being a graduate of a Women's College of English Literature in Tokyo, acted as an interpreter between the Buddhist Tutor and Colburn. The scandal which ensued caused much trouble between Mrs. Shibuya and her husband, and led to

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their being divorced. Colburn was ejected from the temple in July, 1931, on this account.

On August 27, 1931, Colburn left Japan on a pilgrimage to Siam and India.

On May 21, 1932, Mrs. Shibuya gave birth to a boy by Colburn.

Upon Colburn's return to Japan on December 10, 1935, Mrs. Shibuya came to Kobe and re-cohabited with him. Colburn, however, had no means of livelihood and used to solicit alms from the Indian residents in Kobe.

The Kobe Police again took an interest into Colburn's activities, and as a result he was deported from Japan to Shanghai on February 13, 1936, as an undesirable. Colburn has since left Shanghai for the U.S.A., having passed through Kobe on the m.v. "Asama Maru" on March 10, 1936.

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American Monk Deported From Japan For 'Scandalous Affair'

An American Buddhist monk, said to be 26 years old, made his appearance in Shanghai over the week-end, and attracted the attention of all who happened to see him. He was attired in Japanese style clothes, including Japanese "geta," or wooden sandals.

The local Nipponese press yesterday morning solved whatever mystery there might have been connected with the man by stating that he had been deported from Japan allegedly for a "scandalous affair, involving a Japanese woman."

The man arrived here on board the Nagasaki Maru, it was stated. The Japanese press added that he would take up his residence at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. but a check at that establishment failed to show that anyone answering to his description had registered. His name was not revealed in the press reports.

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